

# Mrs. Bethune Issues Call To Women Organizations For National Meet; Hidden Strength To Be Vitalized

Chicago, Ill.—(ANP)—An indication that there is a deep-rooted disposition among Negro leaders to unite their forces of all kinds in such consolidated conferences as the Miller's significant Sanhedrin and James Shepard's auspicious Fact-Finding Conference, is revealed in a remarkable call which has just been issued to the colored women of America by Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune of Daytona, Florida.

Mrs. Bethune is the founder and principal of Bethune-Cookman College at Daytona and was for four years president of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs.

Her call is for a conference of the heads of all national organizations of colored women to meet for an interchange of knowledge and to unite for a common cause through a national council bound by a platform or program of principles which shall be flexible enough to meet changing conditions and broad enough to permit the cooperation of all progressive bodies.

The tentative period of the conference is late February or early March. It would meet at Bethune-Cookman College.

Mrs. Bethune's call, if its language is correctly understood, would seem to

be a sign of the increasing initiative of women leaders and their disposition to seek remedies for racial ills through the power of their own force and intelligence without regard to the



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MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE

activities of organizations led by Negro men.

"The American Negro as a group apparently holds a very small place in the economic life of the American nation today," acknowledges Mrs. Bethune, who then continues: "Yet strangely enough, the American Negro woman who, hitherto, has stood behind and pushed ahead the Negro man in his various fields of endeavor, is now beginning to seek for herself the economic freedom and independence which is characteristic of the American white woman."

"Regardless of their vocations, women are the foundation of society, for they are the mothers, and the homemakers. They are the ones who must solve the problems of child welfare, household economics, physical and mental hygiene, morality, education, and recreation."

Segregation of the Negro, she observes, has forced the Negro to build his own religious, commercial, educational, political, and fraternal organ-

izations which possess powerful hidden influence that is now available in any move for united service.

"As president of the National Association of Colored Women, I became convinced that the ever increasing complexities of American life demand the unified attention of all organizations of colored women that now exist," she asserts.

Further, Mrs. Bethune believes that women's organizations are more numerous and diversified and "more keenly alive to the needs of the group," and are therefore in a better position to make use of the Negro's purchasing power as an effective instrument to keep open the doors already open to the Negro and to open doors that have remained closed.

"The good that has been accomplished already by the organized effort of women is incalculable," the Florida leader maintains, "yet its beneficent results are checked and diminished by the fact that members of one organization are ignorant concerning the work of another. It has not infrequently happened that ignorance of one another's aims and methods has led to indifference and even to hostility between organizations that were, under the surface spiritual allies."

## MRS. M. M. BETHUNE ASKS RACE WOMEN TO A CONFERENCE

To Form National Council For Unifying Efforts of All Groups of Women

Daytona, Fla.—Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, founder and president of the Daytona-Cookman College, and for four years president of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, has issued a call, asking for a conference of the heads of all national organizations of colored women to meet here during late February or early March, 1929, for the interchange of knowledge and uniting through a national council into cooperation of all national bodies.

"The American Negro woman," says Mrs. Bethune, "is beginning to seek for herself economic freedom and independence which is characteristic of the American white woman." She asserts that women are the foundation of society, and must solve the problems of child welfare, household economics, physical and

mental hygiene, morality, education and recreation.

Declaring that women's organizations are more numerous and diversified and more keenly alive to the needs of the group, Mrs. Bethune finds them in a better position "to make use of the Negro's purchasing power as an effective instrument to make use of the Negro's purchasing power as an effective instrument to keep open the doors already open to the Negro and to open doors that have remained closed."

Concluding the call, Mrs. Bethune writes: "It is anticipated that out of this proposed conference there will spring an acquaintance and reciprocal sympathy. . . . It is hoped that the calling into life of a National Council of Colored Women of the United States will show how the spiritual aims or the practical principles of the group can be correlated and a medium formed through which women may make such progress as would be impossible for any national organization working alone."

## KANSAS CITY WILL BE HOST TO CLUB WOMEN FROM THIRTEEN STATES

Mrs. Sallie W. Stewart, National Head of Association to Attend Central Meeting Here Dec. 27-29

Federated club women from thirteen states, comprising the Central Association of Colored Women, will meet in Kansas City December 27-29.

Mrs. Sallie W. Stewart of Evansville, Ind., president of the National Association of Colored Women, will attend and address the Sunday afternoon mass meeting December 29 at which time the Junior and the Young Women's programs will be staged. Beginning with the executive board meeting at 10 a. m. Friday, until the evening closing hour Sunday, every moment will be filled with reports, addresses and discussions.

Departmental reports supplemented by distinguished speakers include social welfare, education, race relations, world peace, arts and music, industry and business, race history, health, and child welfare.

The session will be held in the Paseo Y. M. C. A. with cafeteria

service, thus eliminating loss of time. The dinner hours will be regular program sessions with special speakers. Another novel feature will be the association sermon at 11 a. m. Sunday the 29th at Allen chapel, Rev. Joseph Gomez, pastor.

Two elaborate social functions are a formal reception on Saturday evening tendered by the City Federation at the home of the president, and a musical and social by the Inter-City Dames on Sunday evening at Lincoln hall.

All delegates will be housed and breakfasted free of charge. For others the rate is one dollar and fifty cents per day. Mrs. F. D. Perry, 2451 Montgall avenue, is housing chairman.

The Central association includes Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and the Dakotas when organized. Kansas City extends a cordial invitation to all national officers and departments, to the other four regional organizations, and to every state to bring or send fraternal greetings and good will. Address Mrs. Myrtle Cook, 2436

Montgall avenue.

Train service to Kansas City is excellent. From eastern points make connections with early evening trains at Chicago or late trains at St. Louis, on December 26 to arrive in Kansas City early Friday morning. Trains leave for all points, at midnight Sunday and at all hours Monday.

This three-day biennial session of Central association promises a rare treat to all club women, according to the program committee, of which Mrs. Myrtle Foster is chairman, assisted by Mrs. Estelle W. Woods, state president of Missouri and Mrs. Rosabelle S. Jones, city president.

Kansas City club women are urged to arrange their affairs that they will be able to attend all sessions and the dinner meetings too, thus gaining every bit of information and help from leaders and workers of other localities. Such an opportunity may not come here again in many years.



# WOMEN WILL NAT. INDUSTRIAL CONFERENCE

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(Capital News Service.)

The National Association of Colored Women will hold an Industrial Conference in Washington April 6, 7 and 8, inclusive, according to an announcement by the National Industrial Chairman, Mr. W. Rossell-Griffin, of Philadelphia, in which industrial experts from several of the industrial chairmen of the various clubs throughout the country are expected to be present.

Miss Mary Anderson, of the Women's Bureau, Miss Christison of the Women's Trade Union and Mrs. Evelyn Reynolds, Industrial Secretary of the Armstrong Association of Philadelphia, will be among those who will attend the conference, enter into the round table discussions and help to formulate a constructive program which will meet the needs of the colored woman in industry.

All of the sessions will be held at the Headquarters of the National Association of Colored Women's, Twelfth and O streets northwest. Reservations may be made through Mrs. Minnie Scott, executive secretary.

## SOUTHEASTERN FEDERATION TO BE HELD IN FORT WORTH, TEXAS

(By Mrs. Stella Murphy Neely)

The Fifth Biennial Meeting of the Southeastern Federation of Colored Women's Clubs will be held in Fort Worth, Texas, June 10 to 14th.

This is the first time that Texas has had a chance to entertain her sister Southern states, and through her wide-awake president, Mrs. A. E. S. Johnson, she is extending a cordial welcome to the women to come to the great state of Texas.

The women of Fort Worth are putting forth great efforts to make it pleasant for the coming guests, and nothing will be left undone for their comfort and entertainment.

### Southeastern Program

The newly elected president, Mrs. Ora Brown Stokes, of Richmond, Va. implores every Southeastern State to give her unstinted support and cooperation to the organization and the coming meeting.

In the South as nowhere else is found the great mass of Negro women; nowhere else are the problems so vexing as those faced by the women of the South. So along with the State Home projects, we must keep in mind the three planks in our Southeastern Federation Program—namely: Interracial Organization; Inter-racial Cooperation; Constructive Citizenship.

The chairman of the City Federation of Fort Worth, Texas, is Mrs. W. A. Ivey, 1308 Bessie Street, and the president of the State Federation is Mrs. A. E. S. Johnson of 315 Island Street, Merlin, Texas.

## FEDERATION OF COLORED WOMEN'S CLUBS

The Federation of Colored Women's Clubs at its regular monthly meeting held at the Cuyler Clinic received a report from the President, Miss O. Holley Lee, showing the organization of five clubs for the Junior Federation and one initial club for the younger ladies branch.

The younger women have along with other projects decided to take over the work of maintaining the travelers aid at the Union Station. The installation of a traveler's aid for Negroes has been of untold benefit to the Negro public. Funds for carrying on the work have been available hence it is a source of gratitude and pleasure to the Federated clubs to have the young women of the community support this very worthy cause.

Mrs. Willie Hill Powell and Mrs. Lucy Newton submitted very fine reports of the Protective Home and Child's Clinic respectively.

Mrs. Mattie Thomas organizer also made a very encouraging report. Mrs. J. H. Brown reported contributions to the Chatham Tuberculosis Association slightly in excess of previous years. Since the meeting headquarters has reported further contributions. It is hoped that the colored citizens will cooperate fully with the health program of our city.

Mrs. Pearl Smith chairman of Social Service department, Mrs. Willie Powell, Mrs. Mamie Belcher, Mr. Sol Johnson, Mr. S. A. Jones, Prof and Mrs. Hubert deserve much credit in making the recent Social Service Conference here a success.

Following is the financial report of Chatham Protective Home for the two months.

Financial Report of The Chatham Protective Home from Dec. 3, 1928 Brought Forward \$33.57; Jan. 3 1929 Received from County Commissioners \$350; Feb. 2, 1929 Received from County Commissioner \$350; Total Receipts on hand \$733.57.

### DISBURSEMENTS:

Dec. 22, 1928—Izetta Coston toy for children's Santa \$15.00; 22nd—Frank Co. Merchandise \$45.67. Jan 3, 1929—Izetta Coston Salary \$65; 3rd Izetta Coston Petty Cash \$15.00; 3rd Ethel Washington, Salary \$40; 3rd; Chatham Coal Co., 1 ton coal \$17; 3rd Freedman Shoe Co \$32.20; 3rd, Bell Telephone \$4.40; 3rd Savannah Electric Co. \$9.73; 3rd Alexander Grocery Co. \$77.34; 3rd I. C. Helmy Furniture Co. \$20; 3rd J. H. Frazier Ice \$6; 3rd, Butler Provision Co. \$12.25; 3rd V. Roberts Transportation \$4; 3rd Reynolds and Son—Wood \$10.00.

Feb. 2nd, 1929 Izetta Coston Salary \$65.00; 2nd Izetta Coston, Petty Cash \$15; 2nd Ethel Washington Salary \$40.00; 12th, Alexander Grocery Co. \$126.00; 12th Chatham Coal Co. \$17; 12th Homphry Stove Co. Building and carrying on the work have been unfixed Stove \$16.00; 12th Savannah Electric Co. \$9; Bell Telephone Co. \$4.40; J. H. Frazier Ice \$6.25; Reynolds and Son Co. Wood \$15; 12th; Butler Provision Co. 22.20; 12th I. C. Helmy Furniture Co. \$20; 12th W. L. Powell, Transportation \$4; 12th Izetta Coston, Children's Book fee \$5.00; Total Disbursements \$733.57.

Respectfully submitted,

Willie L. Powell, Chairman

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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ASK COLORED MEMBER.

District Colored Women Pass Resolution Urging Appointment by President. A resolution urging President Hoover to appoint "a representative of the colored race" on the Law Enforcement Commission, which is to make an investigation of law enforcement conditions in this country, was adopted at a meeting of the District of Columbia State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, at 934 S street, last night. The organization decided to extend a welcome to Mrs. De Priest, wife of Representative De Priest, in the near future. The form the welcome is to take is to be decided later, it was announced. The art exhibit at the National Museum by colored people was praised by several members of the organization at the meeting, it being asserted that the exhibit reflects credit upon the colored race.

Reports were made by Mrs. Louisa Reed, Mrs. Mary B. Love, Mrs. Grace L. Jackson, Mrs. Adalaide Hutchinson, Mrs. Mildred Knight and Mrs. A. J. Webster.

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## APR 29 1929 COLORED WOMEN PLAN CAMPAIGN FOR FUNDS

All Branches of District Federation Meet to Discuss Methods of Procedure.

A meeting of all branches of the District of Columbia State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs was held at the First Baptist Church, Sixth and G streets, last night, to raise funds for headquarters of the National Association of Colored Women, 1114 O street. Spirituals and Gospel songs were sung by pupils from the Croome Settlement School of Maryland. A recitation was given by Miss Pearlline Wilson and a piano solo rendered by Miss Elizabeth Johnson.

Open discussions of law enforcement affecting the fourteenth, fifteenth and eighteenth amendments to the Constitution and also of the needs of free school education in the South were held.

Others taking part in the program were Mrs. Daniel E. Murray, Mary B. Love, Grace Jackson, Corinne Wilson, Marie Madre Marshall, Mrs. R. A. Henry and James C. Clark.

Miss E. A. Chase, administrative principal of Briggs Montgomery School, presided.

# PEACE COMMITTEE ISSUES PROGRAM TO WOMEN CLUBS

Philadelphia, Pa.—(ANP)—The American Interracial Peace Committee issues this week a "Program for Women's Clubs," which has been prepared especially for the clubs in the National Association of Colored Women. It is an inclusive, far-reaching, and complete plan or outline for a year's work in interracial understanding and international peace.

The program or plan is the result of a joint committee from the American Interracial Peace Committee and the Pennsylvania branch of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, consisting of Alice Dunbar-Nelson, Mildred Olmstead and Henrietta Musserone. It was thought that if a definite piece of work devoted to the idea of international and interracial peace were presented to the club women, they might be interested in carrying it through. The result is the booklet, which contains a thorough-going plan, with reference material, music, literature, and historical background.

The Pennsylvania State Federation of Colored Women in its annual convention at Harrisburg, July 30 to August 2, adopted the program for its next year's work. Mrs. Sallie W. Stewart, national president of the N. A. C. W., speaks in the highest terms of the program, and recommends it to the club women in the N. A. C. W. for their literary and historical work for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Sallie Stewart

## Speaks In Connecticut

New Haven, Conn.—Mrs. Sally W. Stewart, president of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, and founder of the Mary B. Talbert Memorial Fund, included Bridgeport in her New Haven in her five week tour of the various states. She was the guest of Miss Minnie Bradley, state president.

Teas were served in both cities in Mrs. Stewart's honor, and much interest was shown in the organization's program. September 22 will be observed generally by a campaign for better homes and environment for children.



Indianapolis, Ind.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION

From every indication the annual convention of the Indiana State Federation of Colored Women's clubs, held in East Chicago last week, was a crowning success.

The subjects discussed and finally disposed of at the convention were all of a highly substantial and progressive character.

It is also true that the deliberations were absolutely free from empty gossip and its criminally wasteful consequences.

The attendance at the state-wide meeting was, we understand, a substantially large one. This, we think, would go to show to what extent the organization and its activities, the importance of which, are making themselves felt on the rank and file of its membership. That the Federation of Women's clubs is accomplishing much uplifting work that would be a shire impossibility without the powerfull influence of that organization is to be readily admitted. It is to be hoped that the clubs will continue uninterruptedly to carry on its good work.

Loud in its praise for the accomplishments of Mrs. Carrie Crump, executive head of the State Federation of Colored Women's clubs, the convention went on record as heartily endorsing what it recognized as the "wonderful work" she has done for the women of the Indiana State Federation.

It was revealed by reports rendered at the East Chicago meeting that more than two thousand dollars were raised during the past year by the organization.

This amount, by no means an insignificant one, was gotten up under what is being referred to by leading members of the State Federation as "The peerless leadership of Mrs. Carrie Crump of Indianapolis." A suffice to number Mrs. Crump square among the type of women noted for the

angular ability to do big things in a big way. We believe the State Federation of Colored Women's clubs is fortunate to have as its president, Mrs. Carrie Crump, with her many splendid qualities and high executive ability.

May the clubs long support her efforts expended in the cause of progress

Racial Problems Discussed in Colored Women's Club Convention Here

Sessions of the fourteenth annual convention of the New Jersey State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs are in all branches of relief work, made coming being held this week in Mt. Pisgah A. fort bags, bought and sold thrift stamps M. E. Church, York street. The convention began with business sessions held in Relief Camps, Community Centers, on Wednesday afternoon and a musical program was held in the evening.

Thru its seventeen departments the Federation links up all the activities of Negro women throughout the State. All the officers and heads of departments give their time and ability for the love of the cause and the uplift of humanity. The Federation is discovering and developing talent in our young people through the Junior Federation, encouraging them to higher development in preparation for future leadership.

The formal opening of the convention took place yesterday morning when Mrs. Armita H. Douglass, of Newark, president of the State Federation, took the chair. The morning was devoted to the business of the organization. The afternoon program included a roundtable discussion on the subject, "Has the Federation Measured Up to its Responsibility in Improving Negro Home and Community Life?" Mrs. Ella Barksdale Brown, of Jersey City, lead the discussion.

Last night a musical program was given by a glee club of fifty girls under the direction of Mrs. Mollie G. Langford, of Red Bank. The glee club proved to be exceptionally well trained and gave some beautiful numbers including several negro spirituals.

Mrs. Mary Williams, of Orange, vice president of the federation, will preside at a business session this morning. An exceptionally interesting program is promised this afternoon when Mrs. Elizabeth W. Tyler, a nurse employed by the Essex County Tuberculosis League, will give a talk entitled, "Keep Well Rather than Get Well."

In a discussion of inter-racial relations which is to begin at 4:15, the speakers will include Mrs. Alice Dunbar-Nelson, executive secretary of the American Inter-Racial Peace Committee, and Mrs. Pluma Batten, president of the Salem Women's Club.

An educational program is scheduled for tonight when the principal speaker will be D. Stewart Craven, president of the State Board of Education. There will be discussions on the various problems of the Negro child. A final executive board meeting will be held tomorrow morning.

The New Jersey Federation of Colored Women's Clubs was organized in Trenton in 1915, the Rev. Mrs. Florence Randolph being the first president of the organization.

In 1916 this group was joined at Englewood by several Missionary Circles.

At this convention it was decided to adopt and educate a native African girl. During the war the Federation aided and Liberty Bonds, served as Hostesses in Relief Camps, Community Centers, etc. Thru its seventeen departments the Federation links up all the activities of Negro women throughout the State. All the officers and heads of departments give their time and ability for the love of the cause and the uplift of humanity. The Federation is discovering and developing talent in our young people through the Junior Federation, encouraging them to higher development in preparation for future leadership.

A drive is under way for the Florence Randolph Welfare Center for the purpose of establishing a home for underprivileged girls of the race.

Each year a loving cup is awarded the club doing the best civic work and a silver medal is awarded the club giving the largest amount to the budget fund.

Gives Impressions Of Prague Conference

Addie Dickerson and Addie W. Hunton Declare Confab Was Inspirational; 26 Countries Represented At Women's International League

By ADDIE W. DICKERSON

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, Nov. 14.—The first congress of the Women's International League was held in 1915. Each succeeding conference has always had a colored delegate so that there was no departure from custom when this year there were two official colored delegates—Addie W. Hunton, former president of the New York Federation of Clubs, and Addie W. Dickerson, president of the International Council of Women of the Darker Races.

There were 26 countries represented by 171 official delegates and 25 alternates together with four fraternal delegates and nine delegates from countries hoping to form new sections. The countries represented were Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, France, Germany

Finland, Great Britain, Hungary, India, Ireland, Lithuania, Mexico, Netherlands, Esthonia, Norway, Poland, Roumania, Jugaslovia, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukrania and the United States. There were also branches of sections in Greece, Haiti, Italy, Japan and New Zealand.

This delegation represented women in every walk of life, from royalty to peasant, from countess to housewife. There were six members of parliament, Ellen Wilkinson of England; Agnes McPhail, DeJardin of Belgium; Mielna Rudnycha, Ukrania; Mme. Aerpai, the League of National Assembly; Agnes McPhail of Canada, and Mme. Ciurlioniene of Lithuania.

Jane Adams, the president, that matchless humanitarian, struck the keynote of the convention in her opening address. During these hectic days when women representing

countries so different in attitude on vital questions, when restlessness was present because of critical situation in the world at large, when self and selfishness were assertive because different national minorities found it so difficult to adjust themselves, there was always the clarifying of the atmosphere and the restoration of good will because the words of Miss Adams kept ringing in our ears with clearness and force, "Not compromise but a new solution born of good will and pooled intelligence."

Cherished plans, pet project, and preconceived ideas were in time relinquished for the good of the whole.

At no time was any race prejudice shown. At Prague where the congress was held, at Lepense where the summer school was conducted, at Budapest where a large international meeting was staged—on each and every occasion the colored delegates were numbered among the speakers and as great ovation was given them as to any other participants. The W. I. L. afforded a rare opportunity for the two colored delegates to express Negro life and interpret Negro womanhood to Europeans who know so little of the race. The W. I. L. demonstrated its creed "peace, freedom, good will" in its every act and utterance. There was neither race nor creed nor country, they were all delegates alike. Each in interpreting her own particular group to the whole.

Once people talked of their own families and friends, then they included their towns, cities and states, later their nations; but now people of vision talk in world terms. They are world-minded and the Negro must do the same thing. To the women of America, white and colored alike, I commend the work of the W. I. L. and urge their participation therein. As Emily Balch of Wellesley College says of the W. I. L., "It is the finest medium through which we can express ourselves with telling effect."

The Prague Conference was inspirational, educational, constructive, practical and world impressive.

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Woman's Work - 1920

# State Federation of Women's Clubs Take Over Harriet Tubman Home At Auburn From A.M.E. Zion Conference

## Annual Session at Buffalo Marked By Trans- fer Of Home To Women of State; Mrs. Eliz- abeth Talbert, Buffalo, New President

Buffalo, N. Y.—The Empire State Federation of Women's Clubs, through an agreement with the Western New York Conference of the A. M. E. Zion Church which pact was ratified by the Board of Bishops of that connection, is now in charge of the Harriet Tubman Home at Auburn, N. Y., situated on twenty-six acres of valuable land.

The transfer ceremony was the high light of the recent annual session of the Federation, held here July 9 to 12, with Bishop C. C. Alleyne, president of the Zion Conference, representing the Zion Conference, accompanied by the Rev. Dr. James E. Mason, financial secretary of Livingstone College, Salisbury, N. C., and a delegation of five ministers from the conference.

Mrs. Hunton is Chairman.

Mrs. Addie W. Hunton, retiring president of the Federation, and whose administration plan for taking over the Home was approved, will be chairman of the board of management on the recommendation of the Zion Conference and the unanimous vote of the Federation. There are two houses, beautifully located on the property, and these are to be restored city-wide interest. Many were and the Home operated by the State Federation.

The Federation's headquarters were here in the Y. M. C. A. building, and Mrs. Mina Ross, president of the City Federation, was ably assisted in caring for the visitors by Mrs. Elizabeth Talbert, regional president. Many women from all sections of the state made up the large delegation which at-

Many inspiring and eloquent ad-

resses were heard during the sessions, among the speakers being Mrs. Hamilton Ward, wife of the Attorney General, State of New York; Bishop C. C. Alleyne, whose stirring speech was heard by a packed house; Dr. Clarke of the State Health Bureau, and Alderman Fred R. Moore, editor of the New York Age, whose address was replete with facts affecting the welfare of the organization, and who was given a most enthusiastic reception.

Resolutions were adopted endorsing the work of the National Urban League and of the N. A. A. C. P.; for an aggressive campaign for peace and law enforcement, and for a larger work in the several departments of the organization.

TIMES

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## Colored Race Better Housed

National Negro Women's Association Leader Urges Study  
of Race Background

Mrs. Sallie W. Stewart of Evansville, Ind., president of the National Association of Federated Clubs of Colored Women, in an address Tuesday night at the Michigan Avenue Y. M. C. A. urged the members of the negro race to inform themselves as far as possible concerning the history of their race.

She reminded her people to look upon their race as strong and struggling, not a degraded people, and despite their history of slavery in America, "teach your children they have a good background and not to cringe."

She said, "Little is recorded of the history of the negro race, but thousands of years ago along the lower Nile their forebears dwelt with caravans in semi-civilized state, with good traditions of family life, a people not vicious, and ruled by kings and queens and practicing thrift as much as was needed in those times."

The main topic of her message dwelt with better homes, better citizenship, better opportunities for the children of the colored race and greater appreciation on the part of her people of their responsibility for attaining these. Beginning September 22 a nation-wide drive will be started, she said for better environment for colored children.

Mrs. William H. Talbert, president of the Empire State Federation of Women's Clubs, introduced Mrs. Stewart; the Rev. M. E. Jackson gave the invocation, and greetings were given by the Rev. J. Edward Nash, Miss Clara Payne, Mrs. Della Lee, Mrs. Adam Morse and Mrs. William H. Jackson.

Mrs. Frank H. Messenger, president of the Town Club, and former presi-

dent of the Buffalo City Federation of Women's Clubs, brought the greetings of club women.

Negro spirituals interspersed the program, sung by the Glee Club of the Lincoln Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, directed by Mrs. William H. Turner.

## Nation's Women Elected Mrs. Stewart

Association Head Named Officer in  
National Woman's Organization

NEW YORK CITY—(A.N.P.)—Mrs. Sallie W. Stewart, president, National Association of Colored Women, was elected fourth vice-president of the National Council of Women at the biennial meeting, held November 4-9, Grand Central palace, New York. The National Council of Women is composed of thirty national organizations of women of the United States and has connection with the International Council of Women of the World.

The National Association of Colored Women has held membership in the National Council of Women for thirty years.

Members of the National Association of Colored Women in attendance were: Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Mrs. Addie W. Dickerson, Mrs. Daisy Lampkin, Mrs. Alice Dunbar Nelson, Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, Miss Violet Johnson, Mrs. Mazie Mossell Griffin, Mrs. Christian Smith, Mrs. Aemita Douglass, Mrs. Mary E. Burrell, Mrs. Rebecca Stiles Taylor, Mrs. George S. Williams, Mrs. Janie Payne, Mrs. Elizabeth Talbert, Mrs. Mamie Graves.

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## National Council Throws Over Precedent

Mrs. Sallie Stewart Is  
First Negress Elected  
to Executive Board

By Gladys Oaks

FOR the first time in its history the National Council of Women, whose membership represents an aggregate of nearly a million club members, has elected a colored woman to its Executive Board. Mrs. Harold Milligan, Chairman of the Council's Hospitality Committee, explained a few of the embarrassments and reluctance which have, up to now, kept this upercrust board entirely Caucasian.

"The Executive Board is frequently entertained by the best of New York society," she said. "This year, for example, Mrs. Otto Kahn invited us to dine at her magnificent home. We did not feel, before this session, that it

would be good taste to present a colored woman at a function of this sort. To announce her presence beforehand would be too apologetic. To bring her unannounced would not be quite fair, and might involve us in unpleasant situations.

"But we were so impressed with the personality of Sallie Stewart that we felt that she would overcome all obstacles and prejudices in society, just as she had in the council.

"So we elected her Fourth Vice President. And we were immediately proved justified. Mrs. Otto Kahn told me after her tea that she felt Mrs. Stewart to be one of the truly great women of the council."

## Preoccupied With Race

Sallie Stewart is the President of the National Association of Colored Women and one of the most distinguished Negro welfare workers in the country. She is a massive woman with coffee-colored skin and grizzled white hair, her features expressing a steady habitual discipline. She speaks simply with an occasional little smile deprecatory of her impassioned preoccupation with her race.

"The trouble with the old, the last generation of colored welfare workers was that they were sentimental instead of practical," she said. "They built little monuments instead of preparing our children for decent citizenship. They bought and restored the old homes of Negro heroes instead of fighting venereal disease.

"You see," she continued, "my race is terribly sentimental. There never was a people which needed clear thought so vitally or to face their problems directly, undramatically, with a simple admission of their lacks. Yet they are still reveling in all sorts of foolish escapes and evasions.

"I am really far and away most concerned with the Negro child. Our pickaninnies are the root of our problem and our future hope. Every Negro welfare worker of our day must realize that we love to take from the whites learn from the whites, demand from the whites, no matter how grudgingly they give and respond to us. For this is our only chance to lift our children. And if we are to go on, shake off our present ignorance and atavisms we must lift up our children physically, mentally and spiritually.

"I do not mean by 'spiritually' anything connected with religion. I mean by that character, a reality of existence, the luxury of courage which only the whites are now able to afford.

"I want Negro babies to come from clean, well-kept homes, to be decently nourished. How can a little black boy with no shoes, and knees poking out of his trousers, face without cringing his first trips to school, often a white school? With such a background of inferiority feeling, how can he get ahead in a not-too-friendly white world?"

Mrs. Stewart feels that the Negro child is discriminated against by the municipality, and that even the constructively-working charity organizations have a tendency to ignore him. "You seldom see a 'school-slow' sign before a Negro school. Juvenile courts often let any sort of Negro parents, diseased, feeble minded, unspeakably brutal, retain the children they are patently unfit to raise. Our found-



lings and delinquent children are all too often abused or neglected until they quite literally die. Truant officers gloss easily over colored pupils' non-attendance at school. Prostitutes are allowed to make our colored neighborhoods their haunts, to become the familiars of our babies. Whites make our restaurants and theatres the slums, encourage with their applause the basest and most lascivious traits of our people, and are allowed to do so with no restraint.

#### Must Appeal To Whites

"We must depend on white charitable organizations—appeal to them to care for our young—appeal to white Legislatures to protect them. Now, in this age white children are being given every advantage of modern welfare ideas from milk stations and medical care to recreation centres and mother education groups. We are just collecting funds to put up a first building or pleading that Negro children be admitted to hospitals in cases of acute illness."

"The lot of the Negro social worker often reminds me of that character in the Inferno who rolled a heavy stone up a hill, only to have it fall again to the bottom—an experience repeated throughout eternity," she continued, her eyes filled with pain.

"We must strive against not only the indifference of your race but the hostility of our own people as well. We have often been badly abused in homes where I was trying to ameliorate. In the most obvious way, conditions are of incredible terror. Many Negroes are self-indulgent and uncontrolled. How could it be different as things are, and they resent 'preaching'? We are young race. Uncared-for, delinquent children of the last generation are the depraved adults of this. And because they have, in part, the charge of the next generation, we must attempt to educate them."

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## AUG 14 1929 URGES COLORED RACE TO STUDY ITS BACKGROUND

Mrs. Sallie W. Stewart, national president, tells how her people make make real progress

Calling upon the members of the colored race to inform themselves as far as possible concerning the history of their race, Mrs. Sallie W. Stewart of Evansville, Ind., president of the National Association of Federated Clubs of Colored Women, in an address ringing with truths and inspirational material last night at Michigan Avenue Y.M.C.A., urged her people to wise advancement of a program for their own welfare.

"Little is recorded of the history of the negro race," she said, "but thousands of years ago along the lower Nile their forebears dwelt with care and traditions of family life, a people not vicious, and ruled by kings and queens and practicing thrift as much as was needed in those times." Therefore, she reminded her people they should look upon their race as a race strong and struggling upward, not a degraded people, and though in America for 250 years they were under the shadow of the auction block with all the handicaps of slavery, "teach your children they have a good background and should not cringe. Give your children hero worship and besides those of the white people, teach them of the heroes of our own race, and notably of Frederick Douglass, who rose from slavery to be a leader of his people out of captivity."

#### First Know

"It is necessary to know all about our race, our environment and what is keeping us down. The young negro must compete with other youths who have had thousands of years of freedom behind them. We have the need of mental emancipation. We are happy to have a congressman of our own race. While there have been numbers of white congressmen who have spoken for us, look upon Oscar De Priest as another hero. His example to our boy will mean much more than any legislation he can effect, an example of a successful man of our race elected by his own people."

Then, telling of the organization 35 years ago of the association of which she is president, she spoke of its outstanding projects, the support of the Frederick Douglass home in Washington as a national shrine, conduct of national headquarters in a home purchased at a cost of \$25,000, publication of National Notes, the official organ, and the raising of a scholarship fund for the education of young women.

#### Better Homes

Her chief message was for better homes, better citizenship, better opportunities for the children of the colored race and greater appreciation on the part of her people of their responsibilities toward attaining these.

Beginning on September 22d a nation-wide drive will be started for better environment for colored children, she said. Committees of the federated club women will visit the schools to observe their children there, there will be conferences of the clubs later, and gradually the influence will, it is expected, reach the homes, bringing first of all better personal appearance of the children. For culture must be developed from within, it is not a veneer to be applied from the outside, and it is foolish to try to send boys and girls to college from cesspools, she argued.

#### Real Progress

The National Association of Federated Clubs of Colored Women was organized to show progress along moral, mental, material and cultural lines, and to achieve such aims, first of all the club women must rise to their fullest opportunities in making

some life wholesome, she said. The kitchenette idea is all wrong, she emphasized, especially for the colored race, and they err in living in back alleys, where the influences are harmful to the children. "Give your children the best house you can afford," she advised. She had much to say of the shortcomings of her people and she urged the women to read worthwhile things, and fit themselves to train their children for useful, wholesome citizenship, making special appeal for early beginning of that training.

Mrs. William H. Talbert, president of the Empire State Federation of Women's Clubs, presided; the Rev. M. E. Jackson gave the invocation and greetings were given by the Rev. J. Edward Nash, Miss Clara Payne, Mrs. Della Lee, Mrs. Adam Morse, Mrs.

# SALLIE STEWART ELECTED TO NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF UNITED STATES

## Singular Honor Comes to Group Through President of National Association of Colored Women.

(Special to The Pittsburgh Courier.)

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—New honors came to the Negro women of America today with the election of Mrs. Sallie W. Stewart of Indiana to the fourth vice presidency of the National Council of Women of the United States. The council in its annual session here recognized the Negro woman on its official roster for the first time. Mrs. Stewart representing the National Association of Colored Women, made a splendid impression on the delegates.

The membership of the council is composed of thirty women's national organizations in the United States. The National Association of Colored Women is the only race organization included. The council is a member of the International Council of Women, and its members share representation. The late Mary B. Talbert and Miss Hallie Q. Brown represented the former body at an international meeting.

The National Association of Colored Women has been a member of the council for thirty years. Mrs. Stewart's election will be a great impetus to the thousands of trace women throughout the country. It will mean a great opportunity to get the Negro woman's problems before the women of the nation.

Five regular and five alternate delegates from the association attended the council meeting: Miss Nannie Burroughs of Washington, Mrs. Daisy Lampkin of Pittsburgh, Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune of Florida, Addie W. Dickerson of Philadelphia, Mrs. Alice Dunbar Nelson of Wilmington, Mrs. Mazie Griffin of Philadelphia, Mrs. Rebecca Styles Taylor and Mrs. George S. Williams of Georgia, Mesdames Charlotte B. Smith, Gertrude Green Armita Douglas, M. E. Burrell, Annie Payne, Elizabeth Talbert Violet Johnson and Mamie E. Graves.